

# **Vermont Public School Dropout and High School Completion Report**

**For the 2003-2004 School Year**

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## **Executive Summary**

In previous years, the Vermont Department of Education has published an event dropout and high school completion rate in two separate reports. In the past year, an estimated cohort completion rate has also been published from the department. This year, the event dropout and completion data are reported in a single report along with an estimated cohort completion rate. The change reflects the department's commitment to streamline data management.

### ***Dropout Rates***

The dropout section of this report presents and summarizes information on students in grades 7 through 12 who withdrew from secondary schools in Vermont during the 2003-2004 school year and the preceding summer. Data included in this report were collected as part of the Department of Education's 2004 Register Data Collection.

A dropout by state and federal definition is an individual student who is not enrolled in an approved educational program and who has not graduated from high school. In Vermont, a student who is absent for more than 10 consecutive school days without authorization is classified as "withdrawn". If a truant officer is unable to verify that the student has transferred to a different school or approved educational program (e.g., home school) before the end of the year, the student is considered a dropout for the purposes of this report. A summer dropout is a student who completed the previous school year, who was absent for the first 10 days of the current school year, and who does not transfer to a different educational program. Appendix A is a guide published by the National Center of Education Statistics to clarify whether a student no longer attending school is classified as a dropout.

In FY04, the overall Vermont event dropout rate for grades 7 through 12 was 1.77% while the rate for grades 9 through 12 was 2.57%, and the rate for 10 through 12 was 3.01%. These figures are comparable to national and regional data for FY2000 which indicate that, nationally  $5.0 \pm 0.5\%$  of students enrolled in grades 10 through 12 drop out; while regionally, in the Northeast  $3.9 \pm 0.5\%$  of students enrolled in grades 10 through 12 drop out <sup>1</sup>.

### ***Completion Rates***

We are reporting two separate completion rates in this report. The event completion rate represents the percentage of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who were promoted from Vermont High Schools in the 2003-2004 school year. The statewide 03-04 event completion rate for twelfth graders is 90%. To calculate this rate we simply divide the number of promoted 12<sup>th</sup> graders by the adjusted enrollment of 12<sup>th</sup> graders during the same school year (see below for a definition of adjusted enrollment).

The longitudinal completion rate is calculated by dividing the total number of graduates in a particular class (in this report the class of 2004) and dividing it by the cumulative number of dropouts over the four-year period when the specified class would have attended high school.

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<sup>1</sup> National Center for Education Statistics (2001). Dropout Rates in the United States: 2000, Page 19-21.

This rate attempts to estimate the graduation rate for a single class of students when actual cohort data are unavailable. The statewide longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2004 is 86%. This completion rate has been reported previously from Vermont's Department of Education, but this is the first year it has been included in this report.

It is important to note that the longitudinal completion rate has real limitations. It cannot account for students who may dropout and re-enroll in either the same school or another the following year. The rate includes both graduates and dropouts who may not have been part of the original cohort that started in the school in the ninth grade. However, until a statewide student tracking system is in place, the longitudinal completion rate provides the best information available on high school completion.

### **Data Collection Methodology**

The data used to calculate the event rates included in this report were collected in the Spring Student Census Update 2004. The longitudinal completion rates include data reported in the same collection in the previous three years. The register data collection includes a count of students who were promoted from one grade to the next (or graduated in the case of 12<sup>th</sup> graders), students not promoted, students receiving GEDs from a public high school, students transferring to other schools, students who withdraw from school during the school year or previous summer, and students who are deceased. This report includes data from all public schools and the five independent schools: Bellows Free Academy, Burr & Burton, Lyndon Institute, St. Johnsbury Academy and Thetford Academy.

The Spring Student Census Update data are used to calculate the adjusted enrollment that serves as the denominator for both the event dropout rate and the event completion rate. The adjusted enrollment estimates the membership of the school by counting all of the students except those who transferred to other educational programs or died during the school year. The adjusted enrollment for any particular grade or group of grades is calculated as follows.

***Adjusted Enrollment*** =

*(Promoted + Receiving a GED + Not Promoted + School year dropouts + Preceding Summer Dropouts)*

### ***Dropout Rates***

An event dropout rate is simply the number of dropouts in a particular grade level, divided by the adjusted enrollment for that grade level in a single school year. For instance, the 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade dropout rate is:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Event} \\ \text{Dropout} \\ \text{Rate} \end{array} = \frac{\text{Reported Grades 9-12 Dropout Counts}}{\text{Reported Grades 9-12 Adjusted Enrollment}}$$

### ***Completion Rates***

Similarly, an event completion rate is the number of promoted 12<sup>th</sup> graders divided by the adjusted enrollment of 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a given school year.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Event} \\ \text{Completion Rate} \end{array} = \frac{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Students Promoted}}{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Adjusted Enrollment}}$$

An estimated four-year high school completion rate or longitudinal completion rate is calculated by dividing the number of high school completers by the cumulative count of high school dropouts plus the completers for the four years between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Longitudinal} \\ \text{(Estimated Four-} \\ \text{Year High School)} \\ \text{Completion Rate} \end{array} = \frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Students Promoted, plus} \\ \text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts in current year, plus} \\ \text{Reported 11}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts in previous year, plus} \\ \text{Reported 10}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts two years prior, plus} \\ \text{Reported 9}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts three years prior} \end{array}}{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Adjusted Enrollment}}$$

## Results

### Dropout Data

#### Grade by Grade Comparison of Dropout Rates

As in previous years, dropout rates increase with grade level. Statewide, 7th grade dropout levels move below are still below .1%, while 8<sup>th</sup> grade drop out levels have increased to .22%. Dropout rates in high school vary from 1.35% in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 3.25% in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. In FY03 the dropout rate for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades declined compared to FY02 and continued to decline in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 since FY01.

Table 1: Grade-by-Grade Comparison of Dropout Rates

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12	7-12	9-12
FY 94	0.51%	0.44%	2.51%	4.20%	5.50%	6.15%	3.04%	4.47%
FY 95	0.37%	0.42%	2.56%	4.07%	5.78%	6.50%	3.08%	4.60%
FY 96	0.17%	0.30%	3.22%	4.65%	6.46%	7.25%	3.45%	5.26%
FY 97	0.14%	0.23%	3.26%	4.25%	6.21%	6.60%	3.24%	4.96%
FY 98	0.07%	0.10%	3.39%	5.06%	6.07%	6.11%	3.36%	5.06%
FY 99	0.22%	0.19%	2.90%	4.38%	5.99%	5.19%	3.06%	4.52%
FY 00	0.15%	0.23%	3.15%	4.38%	5.76%	5.66%	3.16%	4.67%
FY 01	0.06%	0.11%	2.92%	4.53%	5.70%	5.69%	3.13%	4.66%
FY 02	0.12%	0.25%	2.22%	3.74%	4.80%	5.07%	2.67%	3.90%
FY 03	0.04%	0.05%	1.69%	3.35%	4.64%	4.31%	2.31%	3.45%
FY 04	0.08%	0.22%	1.35%	2.65%	3.25%	3.14%	1.77%	2.57%

#### Dropout Trends for 1994 through 2004

As shown in Table 2 and Figure 1, the total number of dropouts and the dropout rate in grades 7 - 12<sup>th</sup> and grades 9 - 12<sup>th</sup> increased slightly each year and peaked in FY 1996. These numbers have been on the decline since. In FY 2004, the dropout rates for grades 7-12<sup>th</sup> and grades 9-12<sup>th</sup> are at the lowest in the past ten years.

Table 2: Dropout Trends for 1994 through 2004

Year	Adjusted Enrollment		Number of Dropouts							Total Dropouts		Dropout Rate	
	7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>		7-12 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 <sup>th</sup>	7-12 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 <sup>th</sup>
FY 94*	44,291	28,432	41	34	201	307	367	397		1,347	1,272	3.04%	4.47%
FY 95*	45,361	29,003	31	34	208	304	399	423		1,399	1,334	3.08%	4.60%
<b>FY 96*</b>	<b>45,364</b>	<b>29,006</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>472</b>		<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>3.45%</b>	<b>5.26%</b>
FY 97*	46,790	29,935	12	19	277	327	443	437		1,515	1,484	3.24%	4.96%
FY 98	47,661	31,329	6	8	300	406	448	432		1,600	1,586	3.36%	5.06%
FY 99	48,218	31,856	18	16	260	363	451	367		1,475	1,441	3.06%	4.52%
FY 00	48,112	31,936	12	19	274	364	446	407		1,522	1,491	3.16%	4.67%
FY 01	47,584	31,676	5	9	247	362	443	423		1,489	1,475	3.13%	4.66%
FY 02	48,544	32,423	10	20	193	309	371	393		1,296	1,266	2.67%	3.90%
FY 03	48,359	32,208	3	4	144	276	363	329		1,119	1,112	2.31%	3.45%
FY 04	47,830	32,154	6	17	116	217	251	241		848	825	1.77%	2.57%

\*Based on October 1 enrollment from previous year (ex: FY94 figure is enrollment as of October 1, 1993).

Figure 1

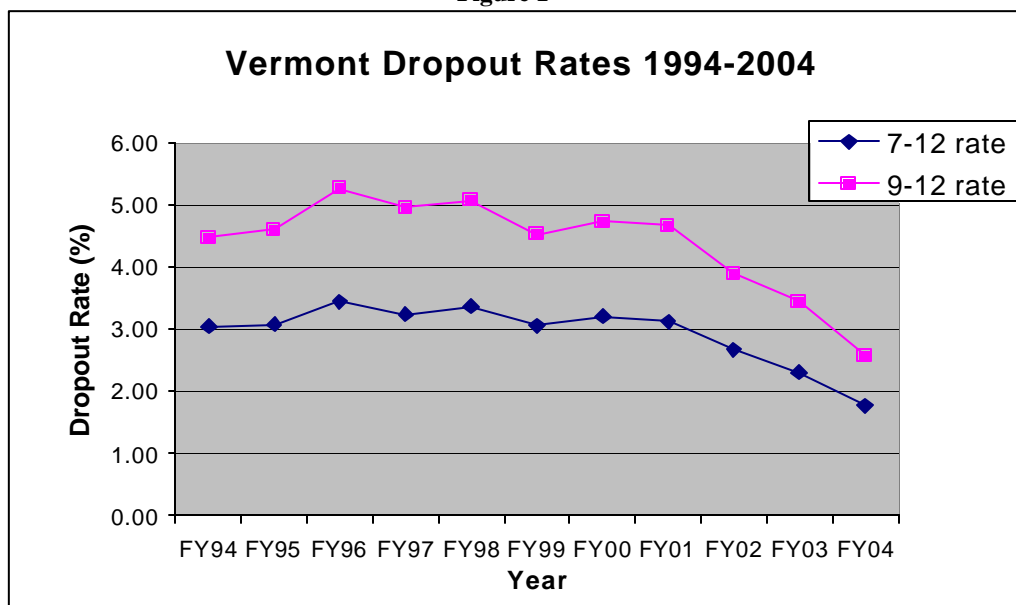


Table 3 shows 1994 and 2004 dropout rates by grade level. When 1994 dropout rates are compared to 2004 figures, decreases are seen in grades 7 through 12 with the largest changes in 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Table 3: Ten Year Comparison of Dropout Rates by Grade Level

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1994</u> <u>Dropout Rate</u>	<u>2004</u> <u>Dropout Rate</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>7</b>	.51%	0.08%	- 0.43%
<b>8</b>	.44%	0.22%	- 0.22%
<b>9</b>	2.51%	1.35%	- 1.16%
<b>10</b>	4.20%	2.65%	- 1.55%
<b>11</b>	5.50%	3.25%	- 2.25%
<b>12</b>	6.15%	3.14%	- 3.01%

### Vermont Public School Dropout Data for School Year 2003-2004

Table 4, beginning on the following page, shows schools listed alphabetically and includes the adjusted enrollment, the number of dropouts, and the event dropout rate for the grades 7 through 12<sup>th</sup> individually. A grade span rate for grades 7 through 12<sup>th</sup> and 9 through 12<sup>th</sup> is also calculated.

## Vermont Public School Dropouts For School Year 2003-2004

School Name	Grade 7			Grade 8			Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			7th-12th	9th-12th
	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals	7816	6	0.08%	7860	17	0.22%	8586	116	1.35%	8187	217	2.65%	7714	251	3.25%	7667	241	3.14%	1.77%	2.57%
Albany Community School	8	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Albert D. Lawton School	103	0	0.00%	125	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Alburt Community Ed Center	20	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Arlington Memorial	46	0	0.00%	38	0	0.00%	38	0	0.00%	42	0	0.00%	42	1	2.38%	34	0	0.00%	0.42%	0.64%
Bakersfield School	29	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barnet Elementary School	20	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barre City Elem/Middle School	107	0	0.00%	88	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barre Town Elementary School	117	0	0.00%	119	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barstow Memorial School	41	0	0.00%	37	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Barton Graded School	18	0	0.00%	25	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bellows Falls Middle School	103	0	0.00%	83	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bellows Falls UHSD #27	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	115	6	5.22%	127	6	4.72%	89	9	10.11%	112	2	1.79%	5.19%	5.19%
Bellows Free Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	333	3	0.90%	311	9	2.89%	285	8	2.81%	236	4	1.69%	2.06%	2.06%
Bellows Free Academy - Fairfax	75	0	0.00%	99	1	1.01%	87	2	2.30%	79	4	5.06%	94	2	2.13%	82	5	6.10%	2.71%	3.80%
Benson Village School	9	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Berkshire Elementary School	22	0	0.00%	24	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Black River USD #39	37	0	0.00%	45	1	2.22%	34	0	0.00%	54	1	1.85%	50	1	2.00%	39	2	5.13%	1.93%	2.26%
Blue Mountain USD #21	36	0	0.00%	36	0	0.00%	43	2	4.65%	34	1	2.94%	32	2	6.25%	38	5	13.16%	4.57%	6.80%
Bratt. Area Middle Sch UHSD #6	145	0	0.00%	178	1	0.56%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.31%	0.00%
Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	217	0	0.00%	237	6	2.53%	294	13	4.42%	249	16	6.43%	3.51%	3.51%
Bridport Central School	6	0	0.00%	7	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Brighton Elementary School	21	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Browns River Middle USD #17	114	0	0.00%	117	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Burke Town School	23	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Burlington Senior High Sch	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	356	7	1.97%	261	13	4.98%	269	8	2.97%	250	12	4.80%	3.52%	3.52%
Burr & Burton Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	157	0	0.00%	144	0	0.00%	140	1	0.71%	149	1	0.67%	0.34%	0.34%
Cabot School	28	0	0.00%	23	0	0.00%	25	0	0.00%	25	0	0.00%	22	1	4.55%	19	0	0.00%	0.70%	1.10%
Camels Hump Middle USD #17	98	0	0.00%	120	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Canaan Schools	28	0	0.00%	26	0	0.00%	29	2	6.90%	37	1	2.70%	23	0	0.00%	36	1	2.78%	2.23%	3.20%
Castleton-Hubardton USD#42	51	0	0.00%	68	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Champlain Valley UHSD #15	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	347	6	1.73%	343	14	4.08%	342	8	2.34%	282	10	3.55%	2.89%	2.89%
Charleston Elem. School	10	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Charlotte Central School	58	0	0.00%	68	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Chelsea Elem. High School	18	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	32	0	0.00%	24	1	4.17%	41	1	2.44%	21	1	4.76%	1.94%	2.54%
Colchester High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	183	0	0.00%	212	0	0.00%	183	2	1.09%	165	2	1.21%	0.54%	0.54%
Colchester Middle School	202	1	0.50%	196	3	1.53%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1.01%	0.00%
Concord Schools	19	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	17	0	0.00%	16	3	18.75%	2.65%	4.17%
Coventry Village School	18	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Craftsbury Schools	22	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	22	1	4.55%	17	1	5.88%	16	0	0.00%	12	1	8.33%	2.70%	4.48%
Crossett Brook Middle USD #45	76	0	0.00%	85	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Danville School	43	0	0.00%	30	0	0.00%	42	0	0.00%	45	0	0.00%	28	0	0.00%	49	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dorset School	25	0	0.00%	23	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dummerston Schools	23	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
East Haven River School	8	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Edmunds Middle School	127	0	0.00%	125	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High Sch	50	0	0.00%	39	0	0.00%	104	3	2.88%	91	6	6.59%	90	5	5.56%	56	1	1.79%	3.49%	4.40%
Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	0	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%	403	1	0.25%	394	3	0.76%	374	4	1.07%	381	12	3.15%	1.29%	1.29%
Essex Middle School	171	0	0.00%	195	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Fair Haven Grade School	45	0	0.00%	55	2	3.64%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	2.00%	0.00%
Fair Haven UHSD #16	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	162	5	3.09%	148	6	4.05%	154	9	5.84%	123	8	6.50%	4.77%	4.77%
Fairfield Center School	22	0	0.00%	36	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Flood Brook USD #20	30	0	0.00%	34	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Folsom Ed. & Community Ctr	27	0	0.00%	23	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle Sch	210	0	0.00%	232	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Georgia Elementary School	83	0	0.00%	26	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Glover Village School	14	0	0.00%	12	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Grand Isle Elem. School	24	0	0.00%	25	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

## Vermont Public School Dropouts For School Year 2003-2004

School Name	Grade 7			Grade 8			Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			7th-12th	9th-12th
	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals	7816	6	0.08%	7860	17	0.22%	8586	116	1.35%	8187	217	2.65%	7714	251	3.25%	7667	241	3.14%	1.77%	2.57%
Green Mountain UHSD #35	67	0	0.00%	68	0	0.00%	97	1	1.03%	73	1	1.37%	62	1	1.61%	68	3	4.41%	1.38%	2.00%
Guilford Central School	25	0	0.00%	34	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Halifax West School	7	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hartford High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	202	0	0.00%	232	10	4.31%	182	5	2.75%	184	2	1.09%	2.13%	2.13%
Hartford Mem. Middle School	137	0	0.00%	139	1	0.72%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.36%	0.00%
Hartford S.D.	5	0	0.00%	4	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hartland Elementary School	55	0	0.00%	57	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Harwood UHSD #19	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	174	0	0.00%	163	0	0.00%	153	0	0.00%	159	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Harwood Union Middle UHSD #19	102	0	0.00%	87	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hazen UHSD #26	60	0	0.00%	55	0	0.00%	78	1	1.28%	68	2	2.94%	66	1	1.52%	64	2	3.13%	1.53%	2.17%
Hinesburg Elementary School	65	0	0.00%	70	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Irasburg Village School	16	0	0.00%	16	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Lake Region UHSD #24	1	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	106	1	0.94%	99	3	3.03%	88	8	9.09%	91	4	4.40%	4.15%	4.17%
Lamoille UHSD #18	165	0	0.00%	144	0	0.00%	177	1	0.56%	147	1	0.68%	118	6	5.08%	180	6	3.33%	1.50%	2.25%
Leland & Gray UHSD #34	63	0	0.00%	80	0	0.00%	54	0	0.00%	75	1	1.33%	88	4	4.55%	67	5	7.46%	2.34%	3.52%
Lowell Village School	13	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Lunenburg Schools	23	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Lyman C. Hunt Middle School	153	0	0.00%	151	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Lyndon Institute	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	156	2	1.28%	159	5	3.14%	138	6	4.35%	168	6	3.57%	3.06%	3.06%
Lyndon Town School	89	0	0.00%	74	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Main Street School	94	0	0.00%	99	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Manchester Elem/Middle School	64	0	0.00%	70	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Marlboro Elementary School	11	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Middlebury Sr. UHSD #3	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	185	0	0.00%	181	0	0.00%	168	3	1.79%	222	10	4.50%	1.72%	1.72%
Middlebury Union Middle Sch #3	168	0	0.00%	178	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Mill River USD #40	111	0	0.00%	135	1	0.74%	137	1	0.73%	121	5	4.13%	119	3	2.52%	110	2	1.82%	1.64%	2.26%
Millers Run USD #37	13	0	0.00%	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Milton Jr High School	148	0	0.00%	138	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Milton Sr High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	155	3	1.94%	136	2	1.47%	131	5	3.82%	114	1	0.88%	2.05%	2.05%
Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7	178	0	0.00%	194	0	0.00%	226	5	2.21%	148	3	2.03%	149	7	4.70%	145	5	3.45%	1.92%	2.99%
Montgomery Center School	14	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Montpelier High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	125	1	0.80%	107	4	3.74%	88	3	3.41%	93	2	2.15%	2.42%	2.42%
Mount Abraham UHSD #28	171	0	0.00%	178	0	0.00%	173	0	0.00%	136	1	0.74%	156	3	1.92%	135	2	1.48%	0.63%	1.00%
Mt. Anthony Sr. UHSD #14	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	307	0	0.00%	343	2	0.58%	301	0	0.00%	312	3	0.96%	0.40%	0.40%
Mt. Anthony Union Middle Sch	283	0	0.00%	303	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Mt. Mansfield USD #17	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	253	0	0.00%	298	5	1.68%	258	8	3.10%	267	5	1.87%	1.67%	1.67%
Newark School	6	0	0.00%	9	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Newport Town School	18	0	0.00%	27	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Newton Elementary School	17	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
North Country Jr UHSD #22	170	1	0.59%	160	1	0.63%	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.60%	0.00%
North Country Sr UHSD #22	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	264	1	0.38%	272	8	2.94%	266	20	7.52%	245	10	4.08%	3.72%	3.72%
North Hero Elem. School	8	0	0.00%	8	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Northfield Middle/High School	81	0	0.00%	61	0	0.00%	65	1	1.54%	74	5	6.76%	67	3	4.48%	86	2	2.33%	2.53%	3.77%
Norton Village School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Ontop	2	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	6	1	16.67%	3	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	8.33%	11.11%
Orange Center School	17	0	0.00%	8	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Orleans Elementary School	19	0	0.00%	23	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Orleans Essex North S.U.	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Orwell Village School	20	0	0.00%	20	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Otter Valley UHSD #8	135	0	0.00%	128	2	1.56%	135	5	3.70%	126	10	7.94%	93	5	5.38%	109	3	2.75%	3.44%	4.97%
Oxbow UHSD #30	58	0	0.00%	70	0	0.00%	88	1	1.14%	82	4	4.88%	89	3	3.37%	110	6	5.45%	2.82%	3.79%
Peoples Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	118	6	5.08%	95	5	5.26%	90	3	3.33%	89	1	1.12%	3.83%	3.83%
Peoples Academy Middle School	88	0	0.00%	109	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Poultney High School	54	0	0.00%	43	0	0.00%	59	1	1.69%	56	2	3.57%	51	4	7.84%	44	2	4.55%	2.93%	4.29%
Proctor Jr/Sr High School	28	0	0.00%	29	0	0.00%	27	0	0.00%	32	1	3.13%	28	0	0.00%	42	0	0.00%	0.54%	0.78%
Putney Central School	24	0	0.00%	27	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Randolph UHSD #2	88	0	0.00%	100	0	0.00%	95	3	3.16%	111	5	4.50%	91	2	2.20%	88	4	4.55%	2.44%	3.64%



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	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Adjusted Enrollment	Total # Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate	Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals	7816	6	0.08%	7860	17	0.22%	8586	116	1.35%	8187	217	2.65%	7714	251	3.25%	7667	241	3.14%	1.77%	2.57%
Readsboro Elementary School	15	0	0.00%	4	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Richford Jr/Sr High School	31	0	0.00%	34	1	2.94%	60	4	6.67%	43	1	2.33%	43	0	0.00%	53	1	1.89%	2.65%	3.02%
Rivendell Academy	45	0	0.00%	48	0	0.00%	53	0	0.00%	61	3	4.92%	30	2	6.67%	34	0	0.00%	1.85%	2.81%
Riverside School	94	1	1.06%	96	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.53%	0.00%
Rochester Elem/High School	24	0	0.00%	21	0	0.00%	30	1	3.33%	30	0	0.00%	26	2	7.69%	12	2	16.67%	3.50%	5.10%
Rutland Middle School	207	0	0.00%	204	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Rutland Senior High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	288	5	1.74%	302	10	3.31%	262	11	4.20%	303	14	4.62%	3.46%	3.46%
Rutland Town Elem School	46	0	0.00%	52	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Shelburne Community School	90	0	0.00%	97	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Sheldon Elementary School	42	0	0.00%	37	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
So. Burlington High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	259	1	0.39%	236	4	1.69%	244	12	4.92%	240	10	4.17%	2.76%	2.76%
So. Royalton Elem/High School	41	0	0.00%	44	0	0.00%	56	4	7.14%	46	2	4.35%	52	1	1.92%	47	3	6.38%	3.50%	4.98%
Spaulding HSUD #41	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	285	9	3.16%	222	8	3.60%	231	9	3.90%	246	6	2.44%	3.25%	3.25%
Springfield High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	173	8	4.62%	143	10	6.99%	147	10	6.80%	151	7	4.64%	5.70%	5.70%
St Albans City School	85	0	0.00%	85	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. Albans Town Educ. Center	88	0	0.00%	80	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. Johnsbury Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	208	0	0.00%	253	0	0.00%	252	0	0.00%	240	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. Johnsbury Middle School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
St. Johnsbury Schools	72	0	0.00%	90	1	1.11%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.62%	0.00%
Stamford Elementary School	11	0	0.00%	2	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Stowe Middle/High School	62	0	0.00%	73	0	0.00%	60	1	1.67%	51	1	1.96%	35	0	0.00%	68	0	0.00%	0.57%	0.93%
Sutton Village School	17	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Thetford Academy	49	0	0.00%	51	0	0.00%	89	1	1.12%	71	1	1.41%	64	3	4.69%	67	1	1.49%	1.53%	2.06%
Troy School	19	0	0.00%	26	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Tunbridge Central School	16	0	0.00%	19	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Twinfield USD #33	45	0	0.00%	43	0	0.00%	38	0	0.00%	47	2	4.26%	36	1	2.78%	52	1	1.92%	1.53%	2.31%
U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	165	1	0.61%	147	1	0.68%	165	0	0.00%	133	2	1.50%	138	4	2.90%	130	9	6.92%	1.94%	2.65%
Vergennes UHSD #5	110	0	0.00%	111	0	0.00%	107	1	0.93%	122	2	1.64%	103	4	3.88%	89	2	2.25%	1.40%	2.14%
Waits River Valley USD #36	42	0	0.00%	41	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Walden School	18	0	0.00%	15	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Washington Village School	10	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Waterford Elementary School	14	0	0.00%	22	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Weathersfield Middle School	40	0	0.00%	38	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
West Rutland School	42	0	0.00%	25	0	0.00%	36	0	0.00%	29	0	0.00%	36	0	0.00%	38	1	2.63%	0.49%	0.72%
Westford Elementary School	41	0	0.00%	33	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Westshire School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	24	0	0.00%	27	0	0.00%	31	0	0.00%	35	0	0.00%	31	0	0.00%	32	2	6.25%	1.11%	1.55%
Whitingham School	22	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%	24	0	0.00%	27	1	3.70%	27	0	0.00%	13	0	0.00%	0.79%	1.10%
Williamstown Middle/High Sch	47	0	0.00%	38	0	0.00%	70	2	2.86%	39	2	5.13%	52	3	5.77%	37	0	0.00%	2.47%	3.54%
Williston Schools	146	2	1.37%	113	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.77%	0.00%
Wilmington Middle High School	25	0	0.00%	28	0	0.00%	52	0	0.00%	42	0	0.00%	40	0	0.00%	40	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Windsor High School	47	0	0.00%	42	1	2.38%	86	1	1.16%	76	3	3.95%	100	6	6.00%	91	5	5.49%	3.62%	4.25%
Winooski High School	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	75	4	5.33%	81	6	7.41%	36	1	2.78%	38	4	10.53%	6.52%	6.52%
Winooski Middle School	66	0	0.00%	67	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Woodstock Sr. UHSD #4	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	122	1	0.82%	109	2	1.83%	104	4	3.85%	104	1	0.96%	1.82%	1.82%
Woodstock Union Middle School	94	0	0.00%	108	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

\* Adjusted Enrollment taken from Student Census- Spring Update Collection. The total enrollment was adjusted by taking out the number of transfers and deaths.  
The total number of dropouts includes those students who dropped out during the school year and the preceding summer.

***Graduation /Completion Data***

The statewide event completion rate, previously referred to as the graduation rate, for the 03-04 school year is 92%. Data from fiscal year 1994 to the present are listed in Table 5.

Table 5: Event Completion Rate - Statewide Totals

Year	Total Graduates	Adjusted 12th Grade Enrollment	Completion/Graduation Rate
FY94	5,568	6,255	89%
FY95	6,145	6,885	89%
FY96	5,944	6,671	89%
FY97	6,055	6,784	89%
FY98	6,383	7,076	90%
FY99	6,391	7,048	91%
FY00	6,468	7,192	91%
FY01	6,658	7,437	89%
FY02	6,978	7,749	90%
FY03	6,938	7,625	90%
FY04	7,070	7,667	92%

**Event Completion and Longitudinal Completion Rate Data**

Table 6: The Event and Longitudinal Completion Rates for school year 2003-2004

School Name	2004 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2004 Event Completion Rate	2004 Longitudinal Completion Rate
Statewide Totals	7667	92%	86%
Arlington Memorial	34.00	100%	94%
Bellows Falls UHSD #27	112.00	98%	76%
Bellows Free Academy- Fairfax	82.00	87%	80%
Bellows Free Academy	236.00	94%	85%
Black River USD #39	39.00	95%	76%
Blue Mountain USD #21	38.00	87%	73%
Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6	249.00	86%	72%
Burlington Senior High Sch	250.00	89%	77%
Burr & Burton Academy	149.00	99%	98%
Cabot School	19.00	100%	100%
Canaan Schools	36.00	97%	85%
Champlain Valley UHSD #15	282.00	96%	90%
Chelsea Elem. High School	21.00	90%	86%
Colchester High School	165.00	99%	95%
Concord Schools	16.00	81%	82%
Craftsbury Schools	12.00	92%	69%
Danville School	49.00	100%	94%
Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High Sch	56.00	91%	75%

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Statewide Totals	7667	92%	86%
Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	381.00	88%	90%
Fair Haven UHSD #16	123.00	89%	85%
Green Mountain UHSD #35	68.00	94%	81%
Hartford High School	184.00	95%	87%
Harwood UHSD #19	159.00	96%	100%
Hazen UHSD #26	64.00	92%	78%
Lake Region UHSD #24	91.00	96%	87%
Lamoille UHSD #18	180.00	85%	92%
Leland & Gray UHSD #34	67.00	88%	83%
Lyndon Institute	168.00	89%	91%
Middlebury Sr. UHSD #3	222.00	87%	90%
Mill River USD #40	110.00	96%	90%
Milton Sr High School	114.00	96%	81%
Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7	145.00	89%	79%
Montpelier High School	93.00	98%	93%
Mount Abraham UHSD #28	135.00	96%	93%
Mt. Anthony Sr. UHSD #14	312.00	79%	78%
Mt. Mansfield USD #17	267.00	89%	94%
North Country Sr UHSD #22	245.00	90%	81%
Northfield Middle/High School	86.00	91%	93%
Otter Valley UHSD #8	109.00	93%	77%
Oxbow UHSD #30	110.00	95%	84%
Peoples Academy	89.00	92%	83%
Poultney High School	44.00	95%	81%
Proctor Jr/Sr High School	42.00	98%	95%
Randolph UHSD #2	88.00	88%	85%
Richford Jr/Sr High School	53.00	94%	86%
Rivendell Academy	34.00	100%	97%
Rochester Elem/High School	12.00	83%	77%
Rutland Senior High School	303.00	94%	84%
So. Burlington High School	240.00	91%	86%
So. Royalton Elem/High School	47.00	91%	84%
Spaulding HSUD #41	246.00	95%	88%
Springfield High School	151.00	93%	85%
St. Johnsbury Academy	240.00	100%	99%
Stowe Middle/High School	68.00	100%	93%
Thetford Academy	67.00	97%	96%
Twinfield USD #33	52.00	96%	94%
U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	130.00	93%	85%
Vergennes UHSD #5	89.00	94%	86%
West Rutland School	38.00	92%	81%
Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	32.00	91%	81%
Whitingham School	13.00	100%	81%
Williamstown Middle/High Sch	37.00	92%	81%

School Name	2004 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2004 Event Completion Rate	2004 Longitudinal Completion Rate
Statewide Totals	7667	92%	86%
Wilmington Middle/High School	40.00	100%	91%
Windsor High School	91.00	95%	81%
Winooski High School	38.00	89%	68%
Woodstock Sr. UHSD #4	104.00	99%	94%

\*Because of the high stakes of graduation rate under the No Child Left Behind Act and because of the inaccuracies inherent in estimating cohort graduation rates, some high schools submitted graduation and dropout data tracking individual students from ninth through twelfth grades. This provides those schools with a more accurate cohort graduation rate and is the data reported here. For the class of 2004, schools that submitted this information are: Rochester Elem/ High School and Concord Schools.

## Summary

The annual event dropout rate describes the proportion of students who leave school each year without completing a high school program. The event dropout rates for the school year 2003-2004 of 1.77% for grades 7 through 12<sup>th</sup> and 2.57% for grades 9 through 12<sup>th</sup> are at the lowest levels in the past ten years. As in previous years, dropout rates increase with grade level. Statewide 7<sup>th</sup> grade dropout levels stay below .1%, while dropout rates for 8<sup>th</sup> grade increased to .22%. Dropout rates in high schools vary from 1.35% in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 3.25% in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. In FY04 the dropout rate for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades declined compared to FY03 and continued to decline in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 since FY01.

The event completion/graduation rate data for school year 2003-2004 are reported alongside with a longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2004. The event graduation rate represents the number of students enrolled in the senior class who graduate at the end of their senior year. The statewide event graduation rate for school year 03-04 is 92%. The longitudinal completion rate is an attempt to estimate a cohort rate for a class of students and calculate the percentage of students that complete the high school requirements for receiving a diploma or for receiving a certificate of attendance or other certificate of completion, in lieu of a diploma. The statewide longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2004 is 86%.

It is important to distinguish the difference between the event graduation rate and the longitudinal completion rate. The event rate is the percentage of twelfth grade students that complete twelfth grade in a given year; it represents a measure of one year. The longitudinal completion rate is intended to mimic a true cohort approach by following consecutive grades through four years; that is, of those students who leave school, what percentage graduated. Until a statewide student tracking system is in place, the estimated cohort rate/ longitudinal completion rate provides the best information available on high school completion.

## Appendix A - Dropout Reporting Instructions

### Summary of School Leaver Status

A Student Who:	Dropout or Classified As Withdrawn?
1. Graduated or received some other recognized credential, such as a certificate of attendance or GED	No
2. Only attended summer school in this school district (was not enrolled during the regular school year).	No
3. Left school without a diploma or other certification after passing age up to which the district was required to provide free, public education	Yes
4. Died	No
5. Gone; status is unknown	Yes
6. Moved to another district in this or some other state, not known to be in school	Yes
7. Moved out of the United States, enrollment status not known	No
8. Transferred, enrolled in:	
Another public school, a private school, or charter school	No
Home Schooling	No
Early college (Baccalaureate or associate's degree)	No
Adult education program not administered by a regular school district	Yes
9. Is in an institution that is not primarily academic (military, possibly Job Corps, corrections, etc) that::	
Offers a secondary education program	No
Does not offer a secondary education program	Yes
10. Is not in school, but known to be:	
Planning to enroll late (e.g., extended family vacation, seasonal work)	No
Ill, verified as legitimate	No
Ill, not verified as legitimate	Yes
Suffering long-term illness and not receiving education services (residential drug treatment, severe physical or mental illness)	No
Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion not yet over	No
Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion over	Yes
Expelled, no option to return	Yes
Expelled, enrolled in another school and/or district	No
11. In a nontraditional education setting, such as hospital/homebound instruction, residential special education, correctional institution, community or technical college.	
Program administered by agency considered a special school district or extension of regular school district	No
Program is off-campus offering of regular school district	No
Program not approved or administered by regular district; classified as adult education	Yes